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Chief, Field Operations Staff, FBID

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1. The Chief, African Bureau selected definite sites in Kaduna for the construction of the four houses and the approximate site for the operations building during the month of November. Acquisition of the land is in progress. Recruitment of French speaking Nigerians, as expected, appears almost impossible. Europeans may be required as French monitors initially. However, two good Hausa monitor prospects have been tested and are expected to be hired in the near future.
2. The Field Operations Staff is preparing a report on the coordinated reception tests of Latin American reception made between the ECB, WCB, Key West, and Panama Posts. The test was conducted to determine the reception potential of the two posts relative to the bureaus. It indicated that reception of broadcasts from other than the northern Caribbean area is not good at the Key West Naval Station. While reception at the Panama Post is not as good as had been expected, preliminary evidence indicates that an evening shift would be of considerable value.
3. Radio Peking dropped its minority language service in Tibetan, Korean, Uighur, Mongolian, and Chuang on 5 December, advising its listeners to tune in to their respective regional stations. This has

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eliminated or greatly reduced FBIS coverage of programs for these minority groups as reception of the regional transmitters is very spotty. It is suggested that Far East bureau cruising monitors pay special attention to reporting reception changes from these transmitters.

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Bureaus relying on STARCOM common user communications channels should use priority precedence on messages advising other bureaus of special coverage upcoming within the next twelve hours.

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